



October 2, 2023

To All Member Library Directors,

During the Director's Call on September 7, we had a healthy discussion about the near future of fees for the Overdrive digital service (AKA Libby). After fine-tuning the plan, we move to the next step- a membership vote on a three-year funding proposal to raise the investment in digital content to provide better service to our patrons.

The Proposal

We propose to overhaul the Overdrive pricing model and replace it with one based on member library budgets. If approved, the plan will phase in the increase over time to reduce the budgetary impact while increasing the content available to patrons.

See the attached chart for a library by library breakdown of the increases. The budget figures were pulled from 2022 NYS Annual Reports.

The Vote

Each member library will have an opportunity to vote on the plan. Use the attached ballot to register your library's preference. The outcome will be determined by the majority of votes received by November 17, 2023.

If approved, the new fee structure will be put into place for 2024 and will run through 2026.

If not approved, the old fee structure will continue for 2024.

After 2026

This plan is an effort to correct long term underfunding of the Overdrive program and provide better service to patrons who enjoy digital content. If approved, the effectiveness of the plan and its implementation will be evaluated. We will decide together (again) how to proceed beyond 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Steven J Bachman
Executive Director

4CLS Digital Content Plan Ballot

Library: _____

Shall the Digital Content Plan and pricing structure be approved?

Yes

No

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Please return to Steve Bachman by delivery or e-mail (sbachman@4cls.org) by November 17, 2023.

Digital Content Plan Phase In 2024-2026

	Current	2024	2025	2026
Afton Free Library	145.00	\$ 455.76	\$ 531.72	\$ 607.68
Andes Public Library	50.00	\$ 295.38	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Bainbridge Free Library	50.00	\$ 368.28	\$ 429.66	\$ 500.00
Bovina Public Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Broome County Public Library		\$ 8,360.10	\$ 9,753.45	\$ 11,146.80
Cannon Free Library	162.00	\$ 353.88	\$ 412.86	\$ 500.00
Cherry Valley Memorial Library	151.00	\$ 355.08	\$ 414.26	\$ 500.00
Deposit Free Library	161.00	\$ 314.82	\$ 367.29	\$ 500.00
Edmeston Free Library	50.00	\$ 267.78	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Fairview Public Library	50.00	\$ 386.22	\$ 450.59	\$ 514.96
Fenton Free Library	50.00	\$ 546.18	\$ 637.21	\$ 728.24
Franklin Free Library	79.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
George F. Johnson Memorial Library	2,675.00	\$ 5,071.98	\$ 5,917.31	\$ 6,762.64
Gilbertsville Free Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Guernsey Memorial Library of Norwich	1,890.00	\$ 5,207.28	\$ 6,075.16	\$ 6,943.04
Harris Memorial Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Huntington Memorial Library	1,645.00	\$ 3,779.34	\$ 4,409.23	\$ 5,039.12
Kinney Memorial Library	242.00	\$ 438.96	\$ 512.12	\$ 585.28
Lisle Free Library	50.00	\$ 651.42	\$ 759.99	\$ 868.56
Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library	386.00	\$ 393.60	\$ 459.20	\$ 524.80
Mary Wilcox Memorial Library	275.00	\$ 562.56	\$ 656.32	\$ 750.08
Milford Free Library	50.00	\$ 269.94	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Moore Memorial Library	581.00	\$ 743.10	\$ 866.95	\$ 990.80
Morris Library	50.00	\$ 419.94	\$ 489.93	\$ 559.92
New Berlin Library	211.00	\$ 538.56	\$ 628.32	\$ 718.08
Nineveh Pub Lib Of Colesville Township	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Oxford Memorial Library	359.00	\$ 771.30	\$ 899.85	\$ 1,028.40
Richfield Springs Public Library	184.00	\$ 554.16	\$ 646.52	\$ 738.88
Roxbury Library Association	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Sherburne Public Library	569.00	\$ 1,708.56	\$ 1,993.32	\$ 2,278.08
Sidney Memorial Public Library	1,015.00	\$ 2,755.98	\$ 3,215.31	\$ 3,674.64
Skene Memorial Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Smyrna Public Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
South New Berlin Free Library	93.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Springfield Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Stamford Library	293.00	\$ 654.30	\$ 763.35	\$ 872.40
Unadilla Public Library	50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
Vestal Public Library	1,914.00	\$ 2,938.68	\$ 3,428.46	\$ 3,918.24
Village Library Of Cooperstown	397.00	\$ 1,675.38	\$ 1,954.61	\$ 2,233.84
William B. Ogden Free Library	261.00	\$ 558.54	\$ 651.63	\$ 744.72
Worcester Free Library	50.00	\$ 385.50	\$ 449.75	\$ 514.00
Your Home Public Library	1,540.00	\$ 2,501.10	\$ 2,917.95	\$ 3,334.80
SubTotal	\$ 16,128.00	\$ 47,033.66	\$ 55,592.32	\$ 65,078.00
Four County Library System	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 25,000
Grand Total	33,128.00	67,033.66	77,592.32	90,078.00